

## **United States Department of State**

Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia (EUR/ACE)

Foreign Assistance Fact Sheet, October 2018





# **MOLDOVA**

Foreign assistance provided by the United States helps Moldova advance its development into a democratic and economically prosperous state, secure within its internationally recognized borders, governed by effective, transparent, and accountable institutions, and guided by the Western-oriented aspirations of its people. To achieve these goals in the face of entrenched corruption and pervasive Russian malign influence, the U.S. provides assistance to facilitate economic reforms, fight corruption, and improve conditions for U.S. investment. In addition, U.S. assistance helps to combat trafficking in persons, strengthen the rule of law, build the capacity and professionalism of law enforcement, increase energy independence, and promote effectiveness and transparency of government through civil society and independent media. Finally, the U.S. supports a common solution to the Transnistria

## **Moldova Quick Facts\***

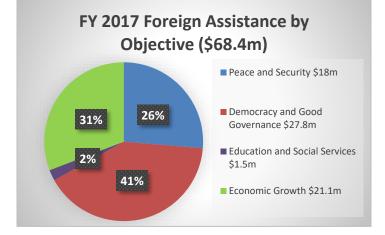
- State /USAID Assistance since 1992 -\$772 million
- Population 3.6 Million
- GNI (per capita) \$2,120
- Ease of Doing Business Grade 73.00/100
- \*Information for Population, GNI, and Ease of doing business sourced from World Bank

settlement process that respects Moldovan sovereignty and territorial integrity while providing a special status for Transnistria.

### **Assistance Activities by Sector:**

## Peace and Security

- Assist the law enforcement sector to reach European standards of professionalism through improved selection processes, training, equipment, and management practices.
- Strengthen border controls through training, exercises, technical advice, and equipment.
- Modernize tactical communications infrastructure and non-tactical vehicle fleet for the Moldovan military through the acquisition of radio communication devices and High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles.
- Develop junior and mid-level officers to improve the candidate pool for promotion to strategic decisionmaking positions within the National Army.



- Improve the capacity of law enforcement and justice sector actors to combat sexual assault, domestic violence, and trafficking in persons.
- Support an in-depth whole-of-government national cyber strategic assessment to allow for the identification of gaps and areas of critical need, emphasize the importance of cybersecurity in the region, and strengthen our bilateral relationship on issues related to cybersecurity.

### **Democracy and Good Governance**

 Provide training on countering outside malign influence, fighting corruption, and combatting trafficking in persons.

- Support civil society organizations to strengthen their ability to empower community members to play a more active role in the decision-making process in local and national governance.
- Strengthen the capacity of minorities to advocate for and improve their social, economic, and political conditions on a local and national level.
- Bolster think tanks and NGOs that monitor the policies and performance of the government, foster
  policy decisions needed for closer ties with Europe, and advocate for reforms necessary to
  strengthen democratic institutions.
- Strengthen independent media to fulfill its role as a watchdog and to combat disinformation, provide
  accurate and timely information, and serve as a space for citizens to engage in public policy
  dialogue.
- Improve the professional capacity of prosecutors, judges, lawyers, and other justice sector actors and enhance the ability of civil society to monitor the judiciary and promote justice sector reform.

### Economic Growth

- Promote a strong, diverse, and export-oriented economy by improving competitiveness and efficiency in key industries, creating jobs, and reducing emigration.
- Expose Moldovan business delegations to industryfocused U.S. managerial and economic training to demonstrate business and government working together to improve the business climate, best practices to identify key industry partners, steps to positively influence the legislative process, and techniques to grow their companies.
- Improve the agricultural sector through the application of technology and innovation to planting, harvesting, processing, and marketing practices.
- FY FY 2018 ASSISTANCE BY ACCOUNT 2016 2017 653(a) 45,842 68,580 **TOTAL** (\$ in Thousands) 73,953 Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, & 31,231 53,900 51,853 Central Asia Foreign Military Financing 12,750 12,750 International Military Education 1,261 1,330 1,150 & Training International Narcotics Control & 7,800 Law Enforcement\* Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, 600 600 400 Demining & Related Programs
- \* In FYs 2016 and 2017, bilateral programs managed by the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) were funded via the Assistance to Europe, Eurasia & Central Asia (AEECA) account.
- Enhance energy security by promoting investment in small-scale renewable energy installation and increasing municipal and/or privately held and operated distributed energy production from renewable sources within the limits of current legal and regulatory environment.
- Advise the National Bank of Moldova (NBM) on how to better regulate and oversee the banking system. Major activities include assistance and guidance with bankruptcies, greater stability for problem institutions, and building the NBM's capacity to supervise the banking sector and take appropriate enforcement actions.
- Support the development and implementation of a national cyber strategy that outlines Moldova's long-term strategic thinking on cyber issues and mechanisms for inter-ministerial coordination.
- Strengthen the IT sector to grow the economy, solidify independence from economic aggression, and defend against misinformation operations.
- Foster greater budgetary transparency through the development of an online platform.
- Increase tax revenue through technical assistance in institutional and operational development, with a focus on strategic planning, compliance risk management, audit, registration and return processing, taxpayer services, and enforcement.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

State Department Fact Sheets U.S. Embassy Website www.foreignassistance.gov Millennium Challenge Corporation

This fact sheet does not reflect centrally managed or regional Foreign Assistance funding that is not specifically budgeted for Moldova.